

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 11, 21, 31, 42, and 53; cancel claims 2, 12, 22, 31, 43 and 54; and, add claims 63-91. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A robot system, comprising:
2 a robot that has a camera, a monitor and a speaker, said camera captures a video image of
3 a caller recipient; and,
4 a remote station that has a monitor, a microphone to establish a voice communication
5 with said robot, and an alert input to request the video image during said voice communication,
6 said video image is not displayed on said remote station monitor unless the caller recipient grants
7 the request.

1 2. (Canceled)

1 3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein said robot includes a microphone, said
2 remote station includes a speaker that receives audio from said robot.

1 4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said alert input generates a sound at
2 said robot.

1 5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said alert input generates a visual
2 prompt on said robot monitor.

1 6. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein said visual prompt is a graphical icon.

1 7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said alert input is generated from a
2 graphical icon of a graphical user interface displayed on said remote station monitor.

1 8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein said graphical icon has an appearance
2 of a door knocker.

1 9. (Original) The system of claim 7, further comprising a graphical icon that has an
2 appearance of a horn.

1 10. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said robot includes a mobile platform.

1 11. (Currently Amended) A robot system, comprising:
2 a robot that has a camera, a monitor and a speaker, said camera captures a video image of
3 a caller recipient; and,
4 remote station means for establishing a voice communication with said robot and
5 generating an alert input to request the video image during said voice communication, said video
6 image is not displayed on said remote station monitor unless the caller recipient grants the
7 request.

1 12. (Canceled)

1 13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein said robot includes a microphone,
2 said remote station means includes a speaker that receives audio from said robot.

1 14. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein said alert input generates a sound at
2 said robot.

1 15. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein said alert input a visual prompt on
2 said robot monitor.

1 16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein said visual prompt is a graphical
2 icon.

1 17. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein said alert input is generated from a
2 graphical icon of a graphical user interface.

1 18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein said graphical icon has an
2 appearance of a door knocker.

1 19. (Original) The system of claim 17, further comprising a graphical icon that has
2 an appearance of a horn.

1 20. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein said robot includes a mobile
2 platform.

1 21. (Currently Amended) A method for accessing a robot, comprising:
2 establishing a voice communication between a remote station and a robot;
3 transmitting an alert input from the remote station to the robot to request a video image of
4 a caller recipient; and,

5 granting the request; and,

6 transmitting a video image from the robot to the remote station.

1 22. (Canceled)

1 23. (Original) The method of claim 22, further comprising transmitting audio from
2 the robot to the remote station.

1 24. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the alert input generates a sound at
2 the robot.

1 25. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the alert indicator generates a visual
2 prompt on a robot monitor.

1 26. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the visual prompt is a graphical
2 icon.

1 27. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the alert input is generated from a
2 graphical icon of a graphical user interface.

1 28. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein the graphical icon has an
2 appearance of a door knocker.

1 29. (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising generating a sound at the
2 robot by selecting a graphical icon that has an appearance of a horn.

1 30. (Original) The method of claim 21, further comprising moving the robot through
2 control commands from the remote station.

1 31. (Currently Amended) A robot system, comprising:
2 a broadband network;
3 a robot that is coupled to said broadband network and has a camera, a monitor and a
4 speaker, said camera captures a video image of a caller recipient; and,
5 a remote station that is coupled to said broadband network and has a monitor, a
6 microphone to establish a voice communication with said robot, and an alert input to request the
7 video image during said voice communication, said video image is not displayed on said remote
8 station monitor unless the caller recipient grants the request.

1 32. (Canceled)

1 33. (Original) The system of claim 32, wherein said robot includes a microphone,
2 said remote station includes a speaker that receives audio from said robot through said broadband
3 network.

1 34. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein said alert input generates a sound at
2 said robot.

1 35. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein said alert input generates a visual
2 prompt on said robot monitor.

1 36. (Original) The system of claim 35, wherein said visual prompt is a graphical
2 icon.

1 37. (Original) The system of claim 32, wherein said alert input is generated from a
2 graphical icon of a graphical user interface displayed on said remote station monitor.

1 38. (Original) The system of claim 37, wherein said graphical icon has an
2 appearance of a door knocker.

1 39. (Original) The system of claim 37, further comprising a graphical icon that has
2 an appearance of a horn.

1 40. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein said robot includes a mobile
2 platform.

1 41. (Original) The system of claim 31, further comprising a base station coupled to
2 said broadband network and wirelessly coupled to said robot.

1 42. (Currently Amended) A robot system, comprising:
2 a broadband network;
3 a robot that is coupled to said broadband network and has a camera, a monitor and a
4 speaker, said camera captures a video image of a caller recipient; and,
5 remote station means for establishing a voice communication with said robot through said
6 broadband network and generating an alert input to request the video image during said voice

7 communication, said video image is not displayed on said remote station monitor unless the
8 caller recipient grants the request.

1 43. (Canceled)

1 44. (Original) The system of claim 43, wherein said robot includes a microphone,
2 said remote station means includes a speaker that receives audio from said robot through said
3 broadband network.

1 45. (Original) The system of claim 42, wherein said alert input generates a sound at
2 said robot.

1 46. (Original) The system of claim 42, wherein said alert input generates a visual
2 prompt on said robot monitor.

1 47. (Original) The system of claim 46, wherein said visual prompt is a graphical
2 icon.

1 48. (Original) The system of claim 42, wherein said alert input is generated from a
2 graphical icon of a graphical user interface.

1 49. (Original) The system of claim 48, wherein said graphical icon has an
2 appearance of a door knocker.

1 50. (Original) The system of claim 48, further comprising a graphical icon that has
2 an appearance of a horn.

1 51. (Original) The system of claim 42, wherein said robot includes a mobile
2 platform.

1 52. (Original) The system of claim 42, further comprising a base station coupled to
2 said broadband network and wirelessly coupled to said robot.

1 53. (Currently Amended) A method for accessing a robot, comprising:
2 establishing a voice communication between a remote station and a robot through a
3 broadband network;
4 transmitting an alert input from the remote station to the robot through the broadband
5 network to request a video image of a caller recipient; and,
6 granting the request; and,
7 transmitting a video image from the robot to the remote station through the broadband
8 network.

1 54. (Canceled)

1 55. (Original) The method of claim 54, further comprising transmitting audio from
2 the robot to the remote station through the broadband network.

1 56. (Original) The method of claim 53, wherein the alert input generates a sound at
2 the robot.

1 57. (Original) The method of claim 53, wherein the alert indicator generates a visual
2 prompt on a robot monitor.

1 58. (Original) The method of claim 57, wherein the visual prompt is a graphical
2 icon.

1 59. (Original) The method of claim 54, wherein the inputting of the user input
2 includes a selection of a graphical icon of a graphical user interface.

1 60. (Original) The method of claim 58, wherein the graphical icon has an
2 appearance of a door knocker.

1 61. (Original) The method of claim 59, further comprising generating a sound at the
2 robot by selecting a graphical icon has an appearance of a horn.

1 62. (Original) The method of claim 53, further comprising moving the robot through
2 control commands transmitted through the broadband network from the remote station.

1 63. (New) A robot system, comprising:
2 a robot that has a camera, a monitor and a speaker, said camera captures a video image of
3 a caller recipient;
4 a remote station that has a monitor, a microphone to establish a voice communication
5 with said robot; and,
6 an alert input to request the video image during said voice communication, said alert
7 input is generated from a graphical icon of a graphical user interface displayed on said remote
8 station monitor, said graphical icon has an appearance of a horn.

1 64. (New) The system of claim 63, wherein said remote station receives the video
2 image from said robot in response to a user input at said robot.

1 65. (New) The system of claim 64, wherein said robot includes a microphone, said
2 remote station includes a speaker that receives audio from said robot.

1 66. (New) The system of claim 63, wherein said alert input generates a sound at said
2 robot.

1 67. (New) The system of claim 63, wherein said alert input generates a visual
2 prompt on said robot monitor.

1 68. (New) The system of claim 67, wherein said visual prompt is a graphical icon.

1 69. (New) The system of claim 63, further comprising a graphical icon of a
2 graphical user interface displayed on said remote station monitor, said graphical icon has an
3 appearance of a horn.

1 70. (New) The system of claim 63, wherein said robot includes a mobile platform.

1 71. (New) A method for accessing a robot, comprising:
2 establishing a voice communication between a remote station and a robot;
3 transmitting an alert input from the remote station to the robot;
4 a graphical icon of a graphical user interface, wherein the graphical icon has an
5 appearance of a door knocker; and,

6 transmitting a video image from the robot to the remote station.

1 72. (New) The method of claim 71, further comprising inputting a user input before
2 transmitting the video image from the robot to the remote station.

1 73. (New) The method of claim 72, further comprising transmitting audio from the
2 robot to the remote station.

1 74. (New) The method of claim 71, wherein the alert input generates a sound at the
2 robot.

1 75. (New) The method of claim 71, wherein the alert indicator generates a visual
2 prompt on a robot monitor.

1 76. (New) The method of claim 75, wherein the visual prompt is a graphical icon.

1 77. (New) The method of claim 71, further comprising generating a sound at the
2 robot by selecting a graphical icon that has an appearance of a horn.

1 78. (New) The method of claim 71, further comprising moving the robot through
2 control commands from the remote station.

1 79. (New) A robot system, comprising:
2 a robot that has a camera, a monitor and a speaker, said camera captures a video image of
3 a caller recipient;

4 a remote station that has a monitor, a microphone to establish a voice communication
5 with said robot; and,
6 an alert input to request the video image during said voice communication, said alert
7 input is generated from a graphical icon of a graphical user interface displayed on said remote
8 station monitor, said graphical icon has an appearance of a horn.

1 80. (New) The system of claim 79, wherein said remote station receives the video
2 image from said robot in response to a user input at said robot.

1 81. (New) The system of claim 80, wherein said robot includes a microphone, said
2 remote station includes a speaker that receives audio from said robot.

1 82. (New) The system of claim 79, wherein said alert input generates a sound at said
2 robot.

1 83. (New) The system of claim 79, wherein said alert input generates a visual
2 prompt on said robot monitor.

1 84. (New) The system of claim 83, wherein said visual prompt is a graphical icon.

1 85. (New) The system of claim 79, further comprising a graphical icon that has an
2 appearance of a horn.

1 86. (New) A method for accessing a robot, comprising:
2 moving a robot;

3 generating a sound at the robot by selecting a graphical icon that has an appearance of a
4 horn;
5 establishing a voice communication between a remote station and the robot;
6 transmitting an alert input from the remote station to the robot, said alert input is
7 generated from a graphical icon of a graphical user interface; and,
8 transmitting a video image from the robot to the remote station.

1 87. (New) The method of claim 86, further comprising inputting a user input before
2 transmitting the video image from the robot to the remote station.

1 88. (New) The method of claim 87, further comprising transmitting audio from the
2 robot to the remote station.

1 89. (New) The method of claim 86, wherein the alert input generates a sound at the
2 robot.

1 90. (New) The method of claim 86, wherein the alert indicator generates a visual
2 prompt on a robot monitor.

1 91. (New) The method of claim 90, wherein the visual prompt is a graphical icon.